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“CAROLINA CASH 5” PLAYERS CLAIM TOP PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$320,000

-Mecklenburg Man Wins \$200,000 Playing Powerball-

RALEIGH- In the past three days, two North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) “Carolina Cash 5” players have claimed prizes that totaled more than \$320,000. Jimmie Hadden of Kannapolis and Elizabeth Campbell of Thomasville collected their prize of \$173, 956 today at the lottery’s headquarters. On Friday, Ken Collins of Archdale took home his prize worth \$147,222.

Hadden and Campbell purchased their winning ticket together at Rushco Food Stores #5 on Jake Alexander Boulevard in Salisbury. They picked their own numbers. Hadden picked two and Campbell picked two and then the fifth number they each picked one of the digits. They could not believe it when they realized they had won. They each plan to pay bills and buy new cars.

Collins, a retired insurance claims adjustor, purchased his ticket at Kelly’s on N.C. Highway 62 West in Archdale. He said when he realized he had picked all five numbers, he immediately purchased another ticket. He plans to invest his winnings and give his wife Linda an early retirement.

On Saturday, a Powerball player from Charlotte matched all five white balls, but not the Powerball to win \$200,000. John Mark Isaacs purchased the winning ticket at Xpress Mart #33 on North Sharon Amity Road in Charlotte. He said he and his girlfriend have been eyeing a particular car for a few days and they will probably get it. The Powerball jackpot for Wednesday’s drawing is worth an estimated \$131 million.

In the past four days, “Carolina Pick 3” winners won prizes totaling \$577,980 and instant scratch-off ticket players won a total of \$37,500. As of last week, more than 1,000 North Carolina players have collected prizes worth \$1,000 or higher since the lottery began last March.

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Winners in the January 6 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
John Mark Isaacs	Charlotte	\$200,000	Xpress Mart #33 3601 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte
Unknown		\$10,000	Fairway One Stop #19 1010 N. Main St., High Point

Top prize winners in the January 6 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Jimmie Hadden	Kannapolis	\$173,956	Rushco Food Stores #5 601 Jake Alexander Blvd., Salisbury
Elizabeth Campbell			

Top prize winner in the January 2 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Ken Collins	High Point	\$147,226	Kelly's 1721 NC Hwy. 62 West, Archdale

Winners from the January 3 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Aldon Forsythe	Hubert	\$30,000	Whizz Mart #7 566 Sandridge Rd., Hubert
Geneva McCord	Mooresville	\$10,000	Speedy Mart 1360-A Fairgrove Church Rd., Conover

Instant scratch-off top tier ticket winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Mary Mercer	Wilson	\$20,000	"Lucky Dice Doubler"
Christopher Krieger	Wake Forest	\$10,000	"10 Grand"
Erica Cooper	Wallace	\$7,500	"Double Your Luck"

For more information about the NCEL, visit its Web site at www.nc-educationlottery.org or call (919) 715-6886.

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